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“If I Become the Home Minister, The Situation Will be Different” – DCM Pawan Kalyan

TPN, Pithapuram: Andhra Pradesh’s Deputy Chief Minister, Pawan Kalyan, has drawn attention with his comments on the rising sexual assaults against children in the state. Speaking at a foundation-laying ceremony in Gollaprolu, Kalyan expressed his deep concern over the deteriorating law and order situation, stating, “If the situation remains like this, I will have to take charge as the Home Minister.”

Kalyan criticized the current law enforcement response to a series of violent crimes, urging Home Minister Anitha to take responsibility for the recent incidents of sexual violence. He warned that inaction would only embolden criminals, asserting that their behavior does not discriminate by caste or religion.

Highlighting issues within the police force, Kalyan lamented the lax attitude of some officers toward serious crimes, calling for a more vigorous approach to justice. He suggested that Andhra Pradesh could benefit from the law enforcement strategies of Uttar Pradesh’s Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath.

In addition to his safety concerns, Kalyan announced plans to upgrade the Pithapuram Government Hospital to a 100-bed facility, with proposals for development works totaling ₹39.76 crores. He also urged citizens to be vigilant against the ongoing black market for sand, encouraging individuals to transport sand for personal use without financial burden.

Kalyan’s statements have ignited significant discussion within political circles, hinting at a potential shift in the state’s approach to crime and public safety.



IGNITED FIRE BEHIND PAWAN’S COMMENTS

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Deputy CM Mr. Pawan Kalyan has made critical and straightforward points regarding the failure of the Home Minister to protect law and order in the state. Mentioning rape cases, he has criticized the police and officials. Political heat has risen following Pawan Kalyan’s comments. Minister Narayana has attempted to minimize this heat. In reality, Mr. Pawan Kalyan is already ignited by the events that occurred earlier between Janasena and TDP. The internal conflicts between the two parties have left Pawan Kalyan frustrated.

Currently, TDP MLAs and leaders are continuously trying to dominate Janasena cadres, leaders, and even MLAs in many constituencies. Janasena MLAs are unable to move forward due to the obstacles created by TDP members. Meanwhile, TDP MLAs are disregarding the Janasena cadres and leaders who worked for their election wins. This situation has been escalating over the past few weeks in several constituencies, and it exists in many others.

Before this situation, a series of incidents occurred involving Pawan Kalyan himself. According to reports, a group of people belonging to TDP met Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and expressed their objections to the respect given to Pawan Kalyan by the CM. They repeatedly objected to this respect.

However, Mr. Naidu reprimanded them and asked them to stop that argument, clearly stating that with-

1. Reasons are their behind Pawan’s comments
2. He is frustrated at TDP MLAs humiliations towards Janasena cadre
3. There is a conflict of opinion between Mr. Naidu and Lokesh regarding Pawan Kalyan
4. The same was smelt by Pawan Kalyan.
5. Hurted Pawan has cancelled his tour of visiting Budameru flood affected areas.
6. Even he has vacated the camp office because of the leakages of expenditure done to it, suspecting Lokesh behind the leakage.
7. Now he has shown that he is not helpless and he can go to any extent to safeguard his self-respect and Janasena

out Pawan Kalyan, the Alliance Government could not exist.

Later, the same group met Mr. Lokesh and expressed the same opinion. Allegedly, Mr. Lokesh welcomed them and endorsed their opinion. Unfortunately, Mr. Pawan Kalyan overheard the entire episode. Hurt by this, he went to Hyderabad immediately during the Budameru floods. Reports suggest that he was supposed to visit the flood-affected areas, but because of this incident, he went to Hyderabad instead and later tried to explain his visit with another reason. Even the reason behind vacating his camp office is linked to this incident.

At this juncture, Janasena cadres are facing humiliation from TDP MLAs, as well as corruption and domination in the areas of sand and liquor shop management. Keeping all this in view, Mr. Pawan Kalyan has spoken out loudly about the failure of law and order. His intention seems to be that “I am not helpless; I can go to any extent to safeguard Janasena and my self-respect.”

Minister Narayana Responds to Pawan Kalyan’s Remarks, A Call for Coordination

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a recent response to Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan’s critical comments regarding law and order in Andhra Pradesh, Minister Narayana stated that both the Chief Minister and Deputy CM should have the freedom to express their views regarding Cabinet portfolios. His remarks came in light of Kalyan’s concerns about rising sexual assaults and the overall security situation in the state.



Concluding his statement with a signature touch of humor, Narayana remarked that CM Chandrababu Naidu has the capability to coordinate effectively among all members of the Cabinet, ensuring that their efforts align toward maintaining peace and security in the state.

This exchange highlights the ongoing political discourse surrounding safety measures and the administration’s accountability, especially in light of recent incidents that have raised public concern. Narayana’s comments indicate a willingness to address these issues collaboratively while reinforcing the necessity of coordinated action among state leaders.

Minister Narayana emphasized the importance of taking the Deputy CM’s comments as a wake-up call for the Home Minister. He urged the government to view these remarks as an opportunity for improvement in handling law enforcement and public safety issues.

CM Chandrababu Naidu Announces Increased Job Quota for Sportspersons in New Sports Policy

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu conducted a review of the new sports policy at the Secretariat, emphasizing its potential to establish Andhra Pradesh as a leading sports hub in the country. The meeting included Chief Secretary Nirab Kumar Prasad, Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy, SAP Chairman Animini Ravi Naidu, and other high-ranking officials.



The newly formulated sports policy aims to achieve four key objectives: to promote sports for all, nurture talent, enhance the sports ecosystem, and increase global visibility. The CM outlined a comprehensive plan that includes talent identification, world-class training, job security for athletes, and coordination with sports associations.

One of the significant changes in the new policy is the increase in the sports quota for job reservations from 2% to 3%. Additionally, the incentives for medal winners at major sporting events have been significantly enhanced. For instance, the incentive for winning a gold medal at the Olympics has been

raised from ₹75 lakh to ₹7 crore, with silver and bronze medal incentives also receiving substantial increases.

The CM highlighted the importance of recognizing and respecting athletes, asserting that greater incentives would inspire more individuals to participate in sports. Plans are also underway to establish integrated sports complexes in Tirupati, Visakhapatnam, and Amaravati, as well as specialized sports schools in Kadapa, Vijayawada, and Vizianagaram.

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Amaravati Development, Tenders Worth ₹38,000 Crores to be Finalized by December - Minister Narayana

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Urban Development and Municipal Administration Minister P. Narayana announced that tenders for Amaravati development projects, amounting to Rs 38,000 crores, will be finalized by the end of December. The projects encompass key infrastructure such as assembly buildings, roads, government offices, the high court, and residential complexes for judges and ministers, all aimed at transforming Amaravati into a world-class city.



drababu Naidu has directed that all capital works be completed within three years to meet global standards.

Highlighting financial backing, Narayana revealed that the World Bank has committed a loan of Rs 15,000 crores to support the development. Additionally, the construction of reservoirs is planned in Neerukonda, Sakhamuru, and Krishnayapalem, along with a high-capacity water pumping station at Undavalli to supply 7,350 cusecs of water to the region.

Minister Narayana detailed that a technical committee, led by chief engineers, was established on July 24 to oversee the planning and execution of the capital works. The committee submitted its comprehensive report on October 29, which will guide the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) in moving forward with the projects. Chief Minister Chan-

drababu Naidu criticized the previous YCP government, accusing it of playing a "three-piece game" with the Amaravati project. However, he emphasized that the coalition government is committed to establishing Amaravati as one of the top five cities in the world, fostering economic growth and infrastructure development.

Ministerial Committee Meeting on Price Monitoring Addresses Essential Commodity Prices in AP

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: A meeting of Andhra Pradesh's Ministerial Committee on Price Monitoring was held at the AP Secretariat, led by Minister of State for Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs, Nadendla Manohar. Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav, Agriculture Minister Achchennaaidu, and senior officials also attended, focusing on strategies to stabilize prices for essential commodities such as rice, pulses, tomatoes, and onions.



The committee discussed various measures to manage prices, including special storage methods for perishable items like tomatoes and onions. Acknowledging recent successes, the ministers noted that rice prices had stabilized through targeted sales at special counters. Similarly, pulse prices were controlled by offering discounted sales at these counters.

To combat the rising cost of cooking oil, attributed to increased import duties by the central government, the coalition government has introduced relief measures. It is now selling palm oil at Rs.110 per liter through special counters across Andhra Pradesh. Additionally, the government is working closely with importers, wholesalers, and retailers to offer cooking oil at subsidized prices via QR-coded sales.

Other staple items, such as rice, jaggery, and sugar, are also being provided at reduced rates

across the state. Sugarcane products, for instance, are priced at Rs 67 per kg, with palm oil available at Rs 110 per liter through 2,200 retail outlets, including Rythu Bazars.

The committee highlighted that a daily monitoring system, using the CP app across 154 mandal centers, allows real-time tracking of price fluctuations. This data-driven approach aids in swift intervention to maintain price stability. Furthermore, the government proposed creating a Rs.500 crore stabilization fund to address sudden market changes. As part of long-term reforms, the decision was also made to lower the market fee (cess) from 2% to 1%, which is expected to benefit both consumers and producers.

The coalition government's proactive steps have already led to reduced prices for tomatoes and onions last month, reflecting their commitment to mitigating inflation and supporting Andhra Pradesh's residents.

New Airport Planned for Srikakulam Dist - Central Minister Rammohan Naidu

TPN, Srikakulam: Union Minister Rammohan Naidu announced plans for a new airport in Srikakulam district during a recent visit to the region by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. The CM's visit to Srikakulam, Anakapalli, and Visakhapatnam was described as a success, with significant developments highlighted during the discussions.



Minister Naidu emphasized the importance of establishing an industrial hub in the state, which he believes will curb the migration of residents to other states in search of better opportunities. He outlined plans for the completion of the Vamsadhara Phase-2 project by 2025 and assured that the Chief Minister has committed to advancing various projects in Uttar Andhra. Naidu criticized the previous government for neglecting irrigation projects over the past five years and expressed the government's intention to enhance facilities at the Arasavalli temple.

Pointing to the lack of recent review meetings for Srikakulam's development, Naidu mentioned that the current government is actively working to address numerous challenges in the district. He assured that the alliance government prioritizes water drainage projects and industrial initiatives, stating that many projects are currently at the same stage they were when the Telugu Desam Party lost power in 2019.

Additionally, Naidu announced plans for an offshore reservoir and revealed that a land bank of 10,000 acres near Moolpet port is being developed for industrial growth. He mentioned the potential for establishing a titanium industry utilizing beach sand and reaffirmed the government's commitment to ensuring that public funds are used efficiently.

In conclusion, Rammohan Naidu confirmed that steps are being taken to prepare for the new airport near Moolpet, aligning with the government's broader vision for industrial development in the area.

Call for Amendments to Medical Seat Allocation in AP – MP Lavu Srikrishna Devarayalu

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: TDP MP Lavu Srikrishna Devarayalu has proposed amendments to the existing policy of allocating 100 medical seats for every 10 lakh population in Andhra Pradesh. He made this request during a recent meeting with Union Health Minister JP Nadda in Delhi, where they discussed various health-related issues impacting the state.



Srikrishna Devarayalu emphasized the need for the amendment to better address the healthcare demands of the population. In addition to discussing medical seat allocations, he advocated for the establishment of the National Institute of Pharmacy and Education (NIPER) in Visakhapatnam, highlighting the state's significant contributions to the pharmaceutical sector, which sees nearly ₹40,000 crores in exports annually.

The MP expressed optimism about the establishment of NIPER, indicating that the state

government would provide full support to ensure its successful implementation. He also raised concerns about healthcare accessibility for residents traveling to the Gulf and requested the establishment of critical care units in the newly formed districts of Andhra Pradesh.

Union Minister Nadda responded positively to these proposals, indicating that the government would consider them favorably as part of ongoing efforts to improve healthcare infrastructure in the state.

Keshineni Chinni Proposes APL to Promote Rural Sports In AP



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Vijayawada MP Keshineni Chinni (Shivanath) announced plans to launch the Andhra Premier League (APL), modeled after the Indian Premier League (IPL), to promote and encourage rural sportspersons. He emphasized that the initiative aims to identify and nurture cricket talent in rural areas.

During a visit to the Moolapadu Cricket Stadium, he revealed that the second ground of the stadium will be operational soon and shared that a plan is in place to construct a Center for Excellence in Moolapadu. He stated that the Andhra Cricket Association

(ACA) intends to establish a cricket academy in the area within the next year.

Chinni also mentioned the potential for developing a golf course in Moolapadu if progress continues smoothly. He expressed his enthusiasm for having two cricket stadiums in the capital region, specifically in Moolapadu and Mangalagiri, and assured that both stadiums would be fully developed and accessible within a year. This initiative reflects a broader commitment to enhancing sports infrastructure and opportunities for aspiring athletes in the region.

AP Govt Takes Action Against Aurobindo Organization Amidst Employee Grievances

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has taken decisive action against the Aurobindo Organization, terminating its services for the 108 and 104 emergency vehicle schemes. This decision comes in response to the company's failure to pay salaries to employees, mismanagement of services, and neglect in maintaining vehicles. Reports indicate that employees working under these schemes have not received their salaries for two to three months, leading to significant financial distress.



The government, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, has issued clear directives for officials to initiate new tenders to assign responsibilities for the 108 and 104 services. The Aurobindo Organization, which was awarded tenders during the previous YCP regime, has faced severe criticism for its handling of employee compensation and service management.

Employees across the three schemes—108, 104, and 102—have voiced their frustrations, with many hitting the streets to demand overdue payments. While employees from the Tallibadda Express (102) have already staged protests, those from the 108 and 104 services have recently filed protest notices against Aurobindo.

In a letter to the CEO of the NTR Vaidya Seva Trust, dated 40 days ago, Aurobindo expressed its intention to withdraw from the 108 and 104 services. The com-

pany suggested subcontracting to JV Company and United B Healthcare, both of which are reportedly linked to Aurobindo. This move appears to be an attempt to retain control over these contracts despite the growing dissatisfaction among employees and the government's decision to terminate their services.

Concerns have been raised regarding the close ties between certain health department officials and the Aurobindo Organization, with allegations of favoritism complicating the situation. As the state government moves forward with its plans to ensure proper management of emergency services and protect employee rights, the focus will be on finding a suitable replacement to improve service delivery for the citizens of Andhra Pradesh.



Minister Nimmala Criticizes Jagan Govt Mishandling of Irrigation and Agriculture Departments

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a strong critique of the Jagan government's agricultural policies, Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu expressed deep concern over what he described as a waste of resources in horticulture and drip irrigation. Visiting an agricultural market yard on Monday with Minister TG Bharat, Ramanaidu engaged with local onion farmers and examined their struggles with pricing and the impact on crop yields.



farmer welfare and consumer affordability.

He pointed to the drastic increase in onion supply, noting that October's yield exceeded 2.5 lakh tonnes—four times the previous year's 52,000 tonnes. Despite the record yield, farmers under the coalition government reportedly received better prices compared to the YCP regime.

To streamline support, Ramanaidu mentioned that offline registrations are available if the E-nam platform experiences issues. Furthermore, he announced plans to develop an onion market in Kodumuru to protect farmers from broker syndicates and promote fair trade practices. Ramanaidu reiterated that the NDA alliance is focused on rebuilding essential irrigation and agricultural infrastructure, addressing the needs of Rayalaseema and ensuring long-term growth and stability in the sector.

Ramanaidu stated that Rayalaseema, a region he called "a child," has faced severe injustice under the Jagan administration, particularly in terms of irrigation and agricultural support. He emphasized that the NDA alliance government is committed to preventing financial strain on onion farmers and ensuring consumer prices remain fair. "The onion farmer should not suffer even a single rupee," he assured, pledging that the NDA government will prioritize both

More Than 50% Extensive Illegal Freeholds In YCP Govt - Minister Anagani

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Revenue Minister Anagani Satya Prasad has raised concerns about extensive illegal freeholds in the state, particularly in the Sri Sathya Sai district, where he estimates that more than 50 percent of freeholds are held unlawfully. During his visit to Penukonda on Monday, he was welcomed by BC Welfare Minister Savitha and discussed the state's financial and developmental challenges.



Minister Satya Prasad emphasized that the state is grappling with a revenue shortfall and is set to receive compensation from the central government. "To address the deficit, the central government has allocated Rs. 20,000 crore, which is expected to significantly support Andhra Pradesh's finances," he stated, adding that the shortfall would be addressed promptly once these funds are disbursed.

Criticizing the previous administration, the minister accused former Chief Minister and YCP leader Jagan Mohan Reddy of engaging in "a three-way game" with his controversial proposal for three capitals. Minister Satya Prasad assured that, under the NDA alliance, the state

would follow a path toward balanced, comprehensive development.

He further shared plans to develop Anantapuram and Sri Sathya Sai district as major industrial hubs, fostering economic growth and creating job opportunities. According to Satya Prasad, development efforts will be coordinated closely between NDA alliance leaders and officials to ensure effective and transparent progress across the region.

Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy Alleges Statewide Corruption by Vijayasai Reddy & His Son

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Sarvepalli MLA and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) Politburo member Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy has accused YSR Congress Party (YCP) MP Vijayasai Reddy and his son of widespread corruption, alleging that they have "looted half of the state." Somireddy's sharp criticism follows a recent social media post by Vijayasai, in which the YCP MP attacked TDP and its leader, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu.



state?" He suggested that, under YCP's influence, profits should instead be shared with workers and laborers rather than being allegedly diverted.

The TDP MLA went on to question the survival of YCP, implying that the party's legacy under Jagan Mohan Reddy has been marred by corruption and inefficiency. He added, "The state of YCP today reflects the leadership it has seen under Jagan Reddy."

In a public statement, Somireddy remarked, "If Vijayasai were a Union Minister, the situation would be even worse—what would be left of the

Somireddy's comments add to the ongoing friction between TDP and YCP as both parties clash over allegations of corruption, governance, and accountability in Andhra Pradesh.

Is Jogi Ramesh Quitting the YCP !

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a series of political blows to the Yuva Jana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP), key leaders are departing as the party faces a tough time, having recently lost power. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the YSRCP chief and former Chief Minister, is experiencing a significant setback as many influential members have resigned from their Rajya Sabha seats and joined the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Rumors are now circulating about yet another high-profile exit that could further impact YSRCP's standing.



move is stirring debates within the political circles of Krishna district, where his influence has been considerable.

Ramesh's departure, if it happens, would mark a substantial shift, given his active role in supporting YSRCP initiatives and his past public statements likening his loyalty to the devotion of Lakshmana in the Ramayana. Political insiders

speculate that his decision may be linked to the recent legal issues he faces, as he is currently under investigation by the CID in a case involving alleged attacks on Chandrababu Naidu's residence.

According to reports, former minister Jogi Ramesh, once regarded as a trusted supporter of Jagan, is allegedly planning a shift to either TDP or Jana Sena Party. Known for his fierce loyalty to Jagan, Ramesh had previously shown strong support for YSRCP's leadership by vocally opposing key opposition figures, including former Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Jana Sena leader Pawan Kalyan. His potential

The situation highlights growing discontent within YSRCP ranks, as the loss of key leaders could weaken the party's influence and raise concerns among the remaining members. As the situation develops, Ramesh's decision, along with other potential exits, could reshape the political landscape in Andhra Pradesh.

Venkaiah Naidu Advocates for Fair Crop Export Policies at National Rice Millers Association Meet

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu recently voiced his support for rice millers and farmers, urging the government to address restrictions on crop exports. Speaking at a meeting held by the National Rice Millers Association on Monday, where he was the chief guest, Naidu emphasized the importance of resolving issues facing the milling industry and criticized regulations that limit crop exports.



Naidu, who has a long-standing connection with the Millers Association, clarified that although he currently holds no official post, he remains committed to supporting the industry. He called on both central and state governments to engage regularly with millers to identify and resolve sector-specific challenges. Despite a recent bout of viral fever, he attended the event, reflecting his dedication to the association and its members.

"Why is it that there are no restrictions on the export of other goods, yet crops face limitations?" he questioned, expressing concern over policies that restrict farmers from fully benefiting from their labor. Highlighting the essential role of farmers as the "backbone of the country," Naidu emphasized the close relationship between the agricultural and milling sectors, noting that farmers' success directly influences the nation's prosperity.

With representatives from various states present, Naidu encouraged open discussions on finding practical solutions to industry issues. He assured attendees that he would continue advocating for the industry's needs and promised to raise these concerns with the Union Food Minister in Delhi. Naidu's remarks underscore his ongoing commitment to improving conditions for farmers and millers alike, and his call for fair crop export policies has resonated widely within the sector.

Former Minister Ambati Rambabu's Tirumala Temple Visit Sparks Controversy

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former Andhra Pradesh minister and YCP leader Ambati Rambabu's recent visit to the Tirumala Srivari temple has sparked controversy, with many devotees expressing anger over his actions. Ambati visited the Tirumala temple on Monday morning but stirred unrest by wearing a badge featuring YCP leader Jagan Mohan Reddy's image along with the party symbol—a move that has raised concerns over adherence to temple traditions.



image, a clear violation of temple guidelines. Devotees were notably upset, arguing that the former minister showed disrespect for the sanctity of the temple by bringing political symbols into a holy site.

Tirumala temple, revered for its sacredness, strictly prohibits political symbols, flags, and imagery within its premises. However, Ambati's disregard for these regulations has drawn widespread criticism. Eyewitnesses reported that he entered the temple through the Vaikuntha queue, carrying a badge with Jagan's

Further frustration was directed at temple security personnel, who appeared to ignore the violation, allowing Ambati to proceed without objection. Many devotees are questioning the oversight, expressing concern that political leaders should respect the religious customs of Tirumala, which are meant to uphold its sanctity for all worshippers.

The incident has become a "hot topic," with devotees and the general public debating the need for stricter enforcement of temple guidelines to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

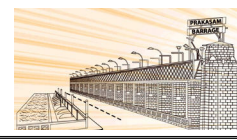
Ananta Venkatarami Reddy Condemns Intimidation Tactics by NDA Govt's Social Media Workers

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) President of Anantapuram District, Ananta Venkatarami Reddy, has strongly criticized what he describes as intimidation tactics by coalition government supporters. According to Reddy, social media workers affiliated with the coalition are attempting to silence dissent by threatening individuals with legal cases if they question the government's performance.

In a firm statement, Reddy declared that YSRCP will not be deterred by these alleged threats and will continue to hold the government accountable for its failures. "We do not respond to such cases," he asserted. "We will keep questioning the inefficiencies of the government and will present the truth before the people."

Reddy's remarks underscore a growing tension between the YSRCP and the coalition government, as YSRCP leaders continue to challenge what they see as insufficient governance. He emphasized the party's commitment to exposing government shortcomings, reaffirming that YSRCP's priority is to address public concerns and demand better performance from the ruling alliance.





Minister Nadendla Manohar Inspects Toll-Free Service for Deepam-2 Gas Cylinder Scheme in Vijayawada



TPN, Vijayawada: Minister of State for Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs, Nadendla Manohar, conducted an inspection of the Toll-Free Number 1967 service at Pauraparapara Bhavan in Vijayawada. This service is integral to the Andhra Pradesh government's Deepam-2 free gas cylinder scheme, which has seen substantial engagement since its launch around Diwali.

So far, 16,47,000 gas cylinders have been booked under the Deepam-2 scheme, highlighting its popularity among beneficiaries. The toll-free service received approximately 3,000 calls, providing information and addressing inquiries related to the scheme.

Beneficiaries who have successfully booked a free cylinder will receive a message from the oil companies stat-

ing: "Congratulations on registering for the first cylinder. Beneficiaries are required to pre-pay for the cylinder. This paid amount will be credited to your bank account within 48 hours of taking delivery of the cylinder."

To be eligible for the free gas cylinder, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Possess an LPG connection
2. Hold a Rice Card
3. Have an Author Card
4. Ensure that their Aadhaar Card is linked to their Rice Card

This initiative aims to provide financial relief to low-income families by making cooking gas more accessible.

Minister Kollu Ravindra Launches Pothole-Free State Initiative in Machilipatnam

TPN, Machilipatnam:

State Mines and Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra, along with In-charge Minister Vasamshetty Subhash, inaugurated the Pothole-Free State program at Khalekhan Peta on Kona Road in Machilipatnam. During the event, Minister Ravindra criticized the ycp government for its handling of road infrastructure, stating, "Roads are the address for development, but Jagan has destroyed that road construction system."



Minister Ravindra announced that the government is prepared to invest approximately ₹4,500 crores for road construction across the state, with a specific budget of around ₹30 crores al-

located for the development of roads in the port area. He confirmed that development work will commence on 19 roads in the constituency with these funds.

He pledged to strengthen the road system by the upcoming Sankranti festival, underscoring the importance of infrastructure in saving lives and improving the quality of life for residents. Additionally, he recalled that during the previous government's tenure, significant projects like the Ullipalem bridge, Chinnapuram new bridge, and the double road to Kodur were initiated but stalled under the current leadership, leading to tragic outcomes for many.

He attributed the poor condition of roads across the state to the previous administration's harsh rule, highlighting the tragic consequences of neglecting infrastructure. "Due to the negligence of the current government, hundreds have lost their lives in road accidents, and many families have faced financial devastation," he lamented.

Krishna District Police Successfully

Resolve Missing Boys Case Within 24 Hours

TPN, Vijayawada: In a swift and effective operation, the Krishna district police have successfully resolved the case of three missing boys from Machilipatnam within just 24 hours. The boys, aged between 3 and 8, were reported missing by their father, Tumma Raghavu, after they disappeared from their home on November 1. The distressing situation began when Raghavu, who has been raising his three sons—Tumma Srinivasa Rao (8), Tumma Durga Rao (6), and Tumma Nageswara Rao (3)—alone since the death of their mother six months ago, left them at home while he went to work in Avanigadda. Upon returning home and discovering that his children were missing, Raghavu initially assumed they had gone to school. However, after checking with the school and finding they had not attended that day, he grew increasingly worried and reported their disappearance to the Inakuduru Police Station.

20 special police teams to locate the boys. The police utilized various investigative techniques, including technology, CCTV footage, and social media, to aid in the search. Their efforts led them to Tammirisa village in Nandiwada mandal, where the boys were found safe. The children had been spotted by an auto driver, Ayyappa, who noticed them walking on their own. After attempting to return them home but unable to obtain any details from the boys, he brought them to Nandiwada police. Upon their rescue, the boys were joyfully reunited with their father at their mother's grave.

This case has highlighted the commitment and prompt action of the Krishna district police, who managed to locate the missing boys rapidly, providing a sense of relief to the family and the community. DSP Abdul Subhan held a press conference to detail the investigation's progress and the successful outcome, reassuring the public of their ongoing dedication to safeguarding children in the area.

District Superintendent of Police R. Gangadhara Rao treated the case as a top priority and formed

Preparations Underway for Sea Plane Launch between Vijayawada and Srisailem

TPN, Vijayawada: A New 'Sea Plane' service is set to be launched between Vijayawada and Srisailem on November 9, with Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu officiating the inauguration at Punnami Ghat. The 14-seater sea plane, designed by De Havilland Aircraft, aims to enhance connectivity between these two promi-

nent locations.

The initial flight will serve as a feasibility test, with hopes that successful operations will lead to regular services in the near future. This initiative is part of broader efforts to promote tourism and provide innovative transportation solutions within the state.

Parents Protest Principal's Treatment at BR Ambedkar Gurukulam in Tiruvur



TPN, Tiruvur: In a recent incident at BR Ambedkar Gurukulam in Tiruvur, NTR District, Principal P. Kotireddy faced backlash after reprimanding a student for raising concerns about inadequate food quality at the school. The student's father, Ravi, expressed deep distress over the treatment his son received and subsequently withdrew him from the school.

The incident has sparked protests among parents, who are voicing their dissatisfaction with the principal's alleged dictatorial attitude. They are demanding a response from district authorities and appropriate action to address the situation. Parents are advocating for better management and conditions within the school to ensure their children's well-being and proper education.

The situation has highlighted the need for improved communication and accountability within educational institutions, as parents call for a collaborative approach to ensure the welfare of students.

NTR District In-Charge Collector Dr. Nidhi Meena Addresses Public Grievances at Collectorate



TPN, Vijayawada: On Monday, Dr. Nidhi Meena, the In-Charge Collector of NTR District, actively participated in the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) at the Collectorate in Vijayawada. The event aimed to address various issues raised by the residents and ensure timely resolutions to their grievances.

Dr. Meena met with numerous citizens who had gathered to voice their concerns, which ranged from local infrastructure problems to issues related to public services. Emphasizing the importance of community engagement, she encouraged individuals to bring forth their problems, assuring them that the district administration is committed to finding effective solutions.

During the session, Dr. Meena highlighted the government's initiatives aimed at improving the living conditions in the district. She urged residents to take advantage of the available channels for grievance redressal, assuring them that their voices would be heard and acted upon. The PGRS is designed to streamline the complaint-handling process, making it easier for citizens to report issues and receive timely updates on their status.

The Collector also stressed the significance of transparency and accountability in governance. She reaffirmed her dedication to working closely with citizens to foster a more responsive and accessible administration.

As the event concluded, attendees expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to interact directly with the district administration. The PGRS initiative is seen as a step toward enhancing public trust and ensuring that the government remains attuned to the needs of its constituents in NTR District. Dr. Meena's proactive approach exemplifies the commitment of the local administration to engage with the community and address their concerns effectively.

Vijayawada Police Issues Warning Against Job Scams

TPN, Vijayawada:

The Vijayawada Police have issued a warning to the public regarding cyber scams that exploit job seekers in the name of part-time employment. Commissioner of Police Rajasekhara Babu recently released a video aimed at raising awareness about these fraudulent schemes.



In the video, the police highlighted how cybercriminals are targeting individuals by enticing them to join Telegram groups where they are promised easy money for simple tasks, such as liking YouTube videos. The police emphasized the importance of vigilance and urged people to be cautious and not to fall victim to such scams.

They encouraged the community to verify the legitimacy of any job offers and to report suspicious activities to law enforcement to help prevent fraud and protect potential victims.

MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad Inaugurates CCI Cotton Buying Center in Mylavaram



TPN, Mylavaram: MLA Vasantha Venkata Krishnaprasad inaugurated a Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) cotton buying center at the local agricultural market committee yard on Monday. During the inauguration, he urged farmers to sell their cotton directly at the CCI centers to receive the government-announced support price, emphasizing the importance of avoiding brokers who may de-

ceive them.

Krishna Prasad highlighted that the government has set a support price of ₹7,521 per quintal for cotton, applicable only when the moisture content is at 8%. He detailed the decreasing support prices for higher moisture levels, stating that prices drop for every percentage increase in moisture.

Farmers were also advised against using polythene bags for transporting their cotton, as this can degrade the quality of the cotton due to ginning issues. Instead, they should use jute bags or transport the cotton separately to maintain quality.

He encouraged farmers to ensure their cotton is properly dried and cleaned before selling it at the nearest buying center to maximize their returns. Prasad assured that the authorities would coordinate efforts to protect farmers' interests and support their agricultural endeavors. The event was attended by CCI buyers, NDA Grand Alliance leaders, and other stakeholders.

Minister Gottipati Addresses Controversy Over Kodela Siva Prasada Rao's Statue Removal

TPN, Addanki: Minister Gottipati Ravikumar, in charge of the Palnadu district, responded to the ongoing protests regarding the removal of the statue of former Assembly Speaker Kodela Siva Prasada Rao, which was recently installed at the Government Hospital in Narasa Raopet. The statue, erected by his fans, was taken down by municipal authorities due to a lack of proper permits.



During his remarks, Minister Ravikumar affirmed that Kodela Siva Prasada Rao will always hold a significant place within the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). He emphasized his long-standing association with the party and stated that efforts to honor Kodela will not be undermined. "There is no need to install statues secretly at night," he noted, assuring that the Kodela statue would be reinstalled

soon with all necessary permissions. However, he warned against any attempts to create disturbances around the issue.

Kodela Sivaram, the son of Kodela Siva Prasada Rao, also voiced his concerns, highlighting his father's

dedication to the TDP and his contributions to the community. He expressed disappointment over the statue's removal, insisting that such actions were unjust.

The controversy surrounding Kodela's statue has sparked heated discussions in Narasa Raopet, with fans expressing their anger over the removal. Meanwhile, AP Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyannapatra expressed his outrage, recalling Kodela's significant role in establishing the government hospital and his commitment to the Palnadu region.

Kodela Siva Prasada Rao, known for his influential contributions to the TDP and local governance, remains a beloved figure among his supporters, who continue to advocate for his legacy.

Minister TG Bharath Highlighted Nimmala RamaNaidu At NDA Meeting In Kurnool

TPN, Kurnool: Minister TG Bharath commended the Janasena and BJP for their strong performance in the recent elections, emphasizing the importance of coalition politics among the TDP, BJP, and Janasena alliance. Speaking at a meeting held at Maurya Hotel in Kurnool, he reiterated that the coalition has the right to collaborate effectively.



During his address, Minister Bharath noted that approximately 250,000 people are migrating from the district, which raises concerns about local economic conditions. He emphasized the need for industrial growth in Kurnool, encouraging every industrialist to consider establishing their

businesses in the area.

Reflecting on the previous government, Bharath stated that if the YCP

had been in power, critical projects like the Budameru tunnels would not have been realized. He expressed optimism for a future TDP coalition government that could last for 20 years, underscoring the necessity to address minor issues to foster progress.

He cautioned about individuals who previously worked against the TDP now seeking refuge in Janasena and BJP, urging vigilance among party members. Minister TG Bharath's comments highlight the coalition's strategy to strengthen its presence and address the challenges facing the Kurnool district as they move forward together...



Home Minister Anitha Visited Tirumala, Prays for State Prosperity

TPN, Tirumala: Home Minister Anita visited Lord Srivenkateswara Swamy at the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam yesterday, expressing her wishes for the prosperity of all citizens under the coalition government's leadership. During her visit, she emphasized her hopes for a thriving future for the state.

Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan were also mentioned, with Anita praying for the Andhra Pradesh government to advance in welfare and development under their leadership. The visit reflects the government's commitment to seeking divine blessings for the state's progress and the well-being of its people.

Janasena Grievance Program Addresses Community Concerns in Narasapuram



TPN, Narasapuram: On Monday, the Janasena Grievance program in Narasapuram attracted a significant number of residents seeking assistance with various issues. Narasapuram MLA Mr. Bommidi Naykar personally attended to the concerns raised by citizens, shedding light on several pressing matters.

One of the main grievances involved a blind man, Mr. Boyapati Venkata Ramaiah from Markapuram, who reported that his 4.5 acres of land had been illegally acquired using forged documents. He expressed frustration over his struggles to resolve this issue over the past decade, despite his blindness. "I have been going around government offices for the last ten years, and my problem remains unsolved," he lamented.

Additionally, PG medical students in Guntur raised concerns about the abrupt cessation of the District Residency Program (DRP) initiated by the National Medical Commission (NMC). They were dismayed to learn that this essential program, which required them to serve in district hospitals for three months, had been halted. Mr. Naykar promptly communicated with relevant officials to advocate for the continuation of the DRP.

Residents of Avidi Village also voiced their distress over a liquor shop located near their homes, which they claimed has made them feel unsafe, particularly for women. They urged the government to relocate the shop to a more suitable distance.

Moreover, the Alluri Sitaramaraju Ashram Medical College and Hospital Employees Union highlighted their struggles with inadequate wages, asking for a minimum wage review to reflect current economic conditions.

The Janasena Grievance program provided a platform for various community members to express their issues, with leaders and legal team members actively participating to seek resolutions.



Govt Prioritizes Nutrition in Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Workshop in Mangalagiri

TPN, Mangalagiri: In a significant initiative to enhance the nutritional quality of school meals, the Andhra Pradesh government is investing ₹2,000 crore annually in the mid-day meal scheme, as announced by School Education Secretary Kona Sashidhar. He inaugurated a one-day workshop on the standardization of the Dokka Seethamma Madhyahna Badi Saal (Standardization of Midday School Meal) menu at the CK Convention Hall in Mangalagiri on Monday.

Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Education Minister Nara Lokesh to implement this scheme effectively. The state government will contribute ₹1,600 crore, while the central government will provide an additional ₹400 crore to ensure students receive nutritious meals.

Emphasizing the importance of tailored meal options, Sashidhar noted that incorporating locally grown vegetables is essential to cater to regional food preferences across Rayalaseema, Uttar Andhra, and Coastal Andhra. "Children perform better academically when they are provided

with nutritious food. The food menu should reflect the nutritional needs and tastes of students," he stated.

Experts at the workshop, including National Institute of Nutrition scientist J. Srinivas, reinforced the need for an integrated approach to education and nutrition, identifying malnutrition as a community-level challenge. Retired IAS officer Praveen Agarwal praised the government's innovative thinking regarding the mid-day meal menu and expressed confidence that Andhra Pradesh could become a model state in this initiative.

Three Years of Struggle for Justice, Allegations of Job Sales in RECS

TPN, Vizianagaram: Eligible candidates have been fighting for three years against the former leaders of the Grameen Vidyut Co-operative Society (RECS) in Cheepurupally, alleging that the organization has turned into a syndicate that sold jobs to ineligible individuals by dividing shares. Reports suggest that 59 jobs were sold for a staggering seven crore rupees, raising concerns about the involvement of influential officers in this scandal.

local MLA Kimidi Venkatarao, seeking an investigation into the illegal appointments and justice for the deserving applicants. Many candidates had applied for the 59 Energy Assistant positions in the Cheepurupally RECS on February 20, 2020. A subsequent test held in September of the same year for pole climbing, meter reading, and cycling led to the release of a selection list in 2021, which sparked outrage among those who claimed that the majority of shortlisted candidates were ineligible.

Despite the protests from aggrieved candidates, officials proceeded to issue appointment documents to

the selected individuals, further aggravating the situation. Candidates staged demonstrations outside the RECS office to protest the unfair hiring practices.

In a related incident, R. Sanyasi Rao filed a complaint regarding an individual who secured a job in APEPDCL using a fake certificate from Bharatiya Shiksha Parishad, a dubious institution based in Kanpur. This person was dismissed after a vigilance investigation revealed the fraud. However, questions remain about how other candidates with certificates from the same organization were allowed to obtain jobs without scrutiny.



The aggrieved candidates have voiced their complaints to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and



India's Growing Influence in Global Governance: Insights from the BRICS Summit

Narendra Modi's recent participation in the BRICS Summit highlighted India's rising prominence in international governance amid increasing geopolitical tensions. The coalition, comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, is redefining global cooperation and addressing critical issues such as economic inequality and territorial disputes. This summit served as a pivotal platform for member nations to articulate a shared vision for a balanced future, with India leading the charge.

A key focus of the discussions was the commitment to maintaining border stability, particularly in volatile areas like the Line of Actual Control (LAC) between India and China. The enduring tensions in this region underscore the fragility of peace, yet the summit emphasized principles of mutual trust and respect as essential for conflict resolution. Modi's advocacy for robust border patrols reflects India's dedication to safeguarding its territorial integrity while promoting diplomatic dialogue. This consensus reinforces the idea that sustainable peace relies on strategic cooperation, particularly in geopolitically sensitive regions.

Additionally, BRICS united in calling for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, addressing the urgent humanitarian crisis in West Asia. The bloc, representing a significant portion of the global population, seeks to position itself as a mediator in international disputes. Modi's reaffirmation of India's non-aligned stance and emphasis on peaceful conflict resolution resonate with BRICS' overarching goals.



The ongoing Russia-Ukraine war further underscored India's strategic role within BRICS. As one of the few nations advocating for neutrality, India demonstrated exceptional diplomatic acumen during the summit, fostering serious discussions on multilateral diplomacy and an urgent end to hostilities. Modi's commitment to peaceful negotiations showcased India's leadership while navigating complex geopolitical dynamics.

As BRICS asserts itself as a counterbalance to Western-dominated institutions, it is positioning itself as a credible alternative to the G7. With a significant portion of the global population and GDP, BRICS aims to reform global institutions to better reflect the influence of the Global South. The New Development Bank (NDB) exemplifies this ambition, providing an alternative

to traditional financial systems and financing infrastructure projects in emerging economies.

Moreover, BRICS is exploring alternatives to the US dollar's dominance in global trade, promoting local currencies for international transactions. India has been at the forefront of advocating for rupee-based trade, aligning with the bloc's goals of enhancing financial autonomy.

In summary, Modi's leadership at the BRICS Summit underscores India's significant influence in global affairs. By prioritizing diplomacy, economic resilience, and environmental sustainability, India is not only reinforcing its position within BRICS but also solidifying its role as a key player in shaping the future of global governance, amplifying the needs and perspectives of the Global South.



Rethinking Development: India's Vision of Param Vaibhav

For decades, global development has been framed by two dominant ideologies: capitalism and socialism/communism. These perspectives have largely shaped political and academic discourse, often sidelining alternative models. However, as India celebrates over 75 years of independence, it stands at a pivotal moment, having matured into a vibrant democracy that frequently surpasses Western benchmarks. This context calls for a re-evaluation of India's developmental vision, rooted in its civilizational ethos of Param Vaibhav, or Supreme Glory.

The capitalist view posits that humans are inherently self-interested, with individual competition as the driving force for progress. In contrast, socialism assumes that human nature can be reshaped through material conditions and social frameworks to foster cooperative societies. The Indian model, however, strikes a balance by recognizing both material aspirations and higher moral capacities. It emphasizes dharma (righteous living) alongside personal ambition, integrating self-interest with collective well-being.

While capitalism emphasizes global trade and competition based on national interests, socialism advocates for international solidarity against imperialism. The Indian vision, centered on Param Vaibhav, embraces a nationalist perspective with a focus on Akhand Bharat (Undivided India) and the concept of a unified Hindu Rashtra. Yet, it also envisions India as a global moral leader, advocating for ethical and holistic development.

Happiness in capitalism is often equated with material success and consumerism, whereas socialism sees it as a product of material equality. In the Indian framework, true happiness (ananda) is a synthesis of material prosperity, moral righteousness, spiritual growth, and societal harmony. This holistic well-being encompasses physical, mental, and spiritual fulfillment.

Capitalism promotes cultural diversity as a market asset but can lead to homogenization through global consumer culture. Socialism seeks to transcend national boundaries in favor of interna-

tional cooperation. Conversely, the Indian model focuses on cultural unity rooted in Sanatan Sanskriti (eternal culture), aiming for a cohesive national identity that respects diversity while fostering shared values.

Moreover, while capitalism allows for social mobility, it accepts class divisions rooted in wealth. Communism strives for a classless society, whereas the Indian vision emphasizes social harmony through the principle of One People, One Culture. It seeks cohesion through shared cultural values while recognizing diversity.

In the realm of wealth, capitalism prioritizes individual accumulation, and communism views private property as a source of inequality. The Indian model regards wealth (artha) as essential but subordinate to dharma, kama (desires), and moksha (spiritual liberation). Here, wealth is a means to achieve higher ethical and spiritual goals, not an end.

The role of the state also varies significantly across these ideologies. Capitalism advocates a limited state role, primarily protecting property rights, while communism sees the state as a temporary vehicle for achieving a classless society. In contrast, Param Vaibhav envisions the state as a positive force for justice and societal upliftment, actively fostering equitable resource distribution.

The Indian development vision, encapsulated in Param Vaibhav, emphasizes Ek Rashtra (One Nation) and Ek Sanskriti (One Culture). This approach aims to create a harmonious society where diverse communities share common values and a unified identity. It aligns with the notion of Akhand Bharat, advocating for cultural and civilizational unity as vital for national strength.

In conclusion, India's vision of development offers a unique alternative to Western paradigms, aspiring not merely for material wealth but for a state of supreme glory, guided by moral and spiritual values. Happiness, unity, and harmony are the cornerstones of this vision, with the state playing an integral role in ensuring justice and moral upliftment.

India To Africa, Calls For Britain To Pay Reparations Are Growing

The recent royal tour of Australia and Samoa by King Charles and Queen Camilla was marked by notable incidents, particularly the outburst from Australian Indigenous Senator Lidia Thorpe, who criticized the monarchy for its historical role in genocide. This moment, along with discussions on reparations at the Commonwealth Summit in Samoa, underscored the growing calls for acknowledgment of colonial injustices.

During the summit, King Charles and UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer faced direct demands for reparations regarding the trans-At-

lantic slave trade. Despite the UK's historical ties to slavery, the proposal for reparations was met with resistance, with Starmer deeming lengthy discussions about the past as unproductive. In contrast, Charles expressed a desire for learning from history and addressing enduring inequalities.

The issue of reparations is not new; it resurfaced vigorously at the summit, highlighting a broader global movement advocating for accountability. While some descendants of slave-owning families have issued apologies, formal recognition and reparations

remain scarce, particularly from major colonial powers like Britain. The Netherlands and Belgium stand out as exceptions, having acknowledged their colonial pasts, albeit without committing to financial reparations.

A report by UN judge Patrick Robinson posits that the UK could owe up to \$24 trillion for its role in the slave trade, a figure that reflects the profound and lasting damage inflicted by colonial exploitation. Robinson argues that reparations are not merely optional; they are an obligation for states that have committed wrongs.

Addressing Youth and Women Unemployment in India: A Call for Action

As the election season heats up, political leaders like Donald Trump and Kamala Harris are making concerted efforts to engage youth and women voters, but the challenges in India remain daunting. With around 6 crore women voters and 2.5 crore youth in states like Maharashtra and Jharkhand, political parties are crafting campaigns centered on promises such as the 'Mati, Beti, Roti' initiative and the 'Maiya Samman scheme.' However, behind these campaign slogans lies a troubling reality regarding unemployment and underemployment among these critical demographics.

Every year, about 75 lakh youth enter India's labor force, yet the youth unemployment rate has consistently hovered around 10% for the past two years. Alarming, one in three young people are neither in education, employment, nor training, with women representing a staggering 95% of this group. The urban female unemployment rate has reached nearly 9% in 2023, climbing to 20% for young urban women. This



disconnect raises questions about the effectiveness of current initiatives and the sincerity of political commitments.

The statistics paint a grim picture: in 2022, individuals with secondary or higher education faced an unemployment rate six times greater than those who were illiterate, and in the current year, the unemployment rates for

graduates and postgraduates are at 13% and 12%, respectively. Women's participation in the labor force stands at just 32%, compared to 58% for men, reflecting systemic barriers that hinder women from entering and remaining in the workforce.

To combat these issues, the Union government recently launched a new in-

ternship scheme aimed at reducing unemployment. However, experts argue that relying on large firms for training overlooks the potential benefits of engaging Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Interns often gain more valuable experience in smaller firms, where retention rates are higher, thus creating a more sustainable employment model.

Furthermore, the government should consider establishing an urban employment guarantee program, akin to initiatives in states like Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Such a program would address urban unemployment directly, with a special focus on women. It aligns with the Right to Livelihood, which has been interpreted as a fundamental right, reinforcing the government's responsibility to provide employment opportunities.

In summary, while political campaigns seek to attract youth and women voters with promises, it is crucial that these promises translate into actionable solutions. A holistic approach that includes engaging MSMEs and creating an urban employment guarantee program can pave the way for a more inclusive and robust labor market. As former Malawian President Joyce Banda aptly stated, "The seeds of success in every nation on earth are best planted in women and children." It is time for India to nurture those seeds.

Mothers, Daughters In Shock: PM Slams Congress, INDIA For Shaina NC Remark



Prime Minister Narendra Modi criticized the Congress-led INDIA bloc on Monday for its lack of response to sexist comments made by Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Arvind Sawant against BJP leader Shaina NC. Speaking at an election rally in Jharkhand ahead of the November 20 Maharashtra elections, Modi condemned the opposition's use of "foul language" directed at a woman leader.

Modi's comments come in the wake of Sawant's objectionable remarks during a media interaction last week when asked about Shaina's electoral prospects. The Prime Minister emphasized that the disrespect shown toward women would not go unnoticed, stating, "Mothers and daughters are in shock, and the people will teach them a lesson." He also accused Congress of humiliating Sita Soren, the BJP's candidate and the sister-in-law of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

In response to Sawant's comments, Shaina NC firmly defended herself, stating, "I am not some 'maal' (goods). I am a daughter of Mumbai and have been working dedicatedly for the past 20 years. This is a crass comment

by Sawant." She emphasized her commitment to the people of Mumbai, declaring, "I don't need any certificates from Mr. Sawant or the Shiv Sena (UBT)."

Sawant later attempted to clarify his remarks, claiming that he had a good relationship with Shaina and that she may have misunderstood his intent. "It refers to 'goods,' but she could have misinterpreted it. I had no such intentions," he stated.

The controversy has intensified as a police case has been registered against Sawant, highlighting the growing scrutiny of political rhetoric surrounding gender issues in the electoral landscape. As elections approach, the BJP aims to leverage this incident to rally support and draw attention to what they perceive as disrespectful treatment of women by their political opponents.

With tensions rising in the political arena, this incident may have significant implications for the upcoming elections in both Maharashtra and Jharkhand, as parties seek to position themselves in light of public sentiment regarding women's rights and dignity.

Priyanka Gandhi Accuses BJP of Politicizing Wayanad Landslides

In a campaign rally for the Wayanad Lok Sabha by-elections, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for allegedly exploiting the tragic landslides that devastated the hill district in July. The disaster resulted in hundreds of fatalities and left many residents displaced, prompting a strong response from the Congress leader.

Gandhi emphasized that the BJP's actions in the wake of the landslides reflect a troubling trend of politicizing humanitarian crises for electoral gain. She expressed her condolences to the families affected by the tragedy and asserted that such events should be approached with sensitivity rather than opportunism.

During her address, Gandhi highlighted the government's responsibility to provide adequate support and rehabilitation for those impacted by the landslides. She criticized the BJP for what she described as a lack of genuine concern for the welfare of the people in Wayanad, suggesting that their focus on political maneuvering undermines the urgent need for disaster response and recovery efforts.

The Congress leader also urged voters to hold the ruling party accountable for its policies and actions, emphasizing the importance of community and unity in overcoming such challenges. She reiterated her commitment to championing the needs of the people in Wayanad, promising to advocate for their rights and well-being if elected.

As the by-election campaign heats up, Gandhi's remarks resonate with constituents who are grappling with the aftermath of the landslides. Her call for empathy and responsible governance aims to differentiate the Congress party's approach from that of the BJP, which she accuses of prioritizing political gain over genuine assistance.

The Wayanad by-polls have garnered significant attention, and Gandhi's campaign seeks to mobilize support among residents by addressing pressing local issues, including disaster recovery, infrastructure, and social welfare. The upcoming election will serve as a critical test for both parties as they vie for the trust and votes of the electorate in this politically significant region.



Whoever starts a new party wants DMK destroyed: Stalin's veiled jibe at Vijay

In a recent address at the Kolathur Assembly constituency, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin addressed the challenges faced by his party, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), and criticized those who he believes wish to undermine its progress. He asserted that any new political party emerging in the state is driven by a desire to see the DMK dismantled, stating, "Whoever starts a new party wants DMK to be destroyed because they don't like the growth of DMK."

Stalin's comments reflect his ongoing commitment to highlighting the achievements of his government while countering opposition narratives. He emphasized the importance of evaluating the government's performance rather than focusing on partisan

politics. "I just want to tell them to think about this government's achievements in improving the lives of the people of Tamil Nadu," he urged, directing his remarks toward critics and rivals alike.

The Chief Minister's address comes at a time when the political landscape in Tamil Nadu is increasingly competitive, with various parties vying for influence and support. Stalin's remarks appear aimed at rallying party supporters and reinforcing the DMK's position as a leading force in the state's governance.

In addition to defending the party's legacy, Stalin underscored the DMK's commitment to social justice and development. He reiterated that the party's focus remains on the welfare of the people, par-

ticularly in areas like education, healthcare, and infrastructure development. By emphasizing these achievements, Stalin seeks to strengthen the DMK's appeal to voters who prioritize effective governance and progress.

As the political atmosphere grows more contentious, Stalin's assertion highlights the DMK's resolve to maintain its status and counter any attempts to destabilize the party's influence. His address serves as a reminder of the ongoing power dynamics within Tamil Nadu's political sphere and the significance of the DMK's contributions to the state's development narrative. As elections approach, the party is poised to leverage its achievements in a bid to secure continued support from the electorate.



CM Yogi Adityanath Unveils New FDI Incentive Policy to Attract Global Investment

In a significant move to boost economic growth, the Uttar Pradesh cabinet, led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, has approved a new incentive policy aimed at attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) and capital investments from global corporations. The policy, now renamed as the "Foreign Direct Investment, Foreign Capital Investment and Fortune Global 500 and Fortune India 500 Incentive Policy," was announced during a cabinet meeting on Monday.

The revamped policy is designed to enhance the investment climate in the state, making it more attractive for international businesses to set up operations in Uttar Pradesh. Chief Minister Adityanath emphasized the government's commitment to creating a conducive environment for both domestic and foreign investors, which is expected to lead to job creation and overall economic development.

Key features of the new policy include a comprehensive framework that outlines incentives for Fortune Global 500 and Fortune India 500 companies looking to establish or expand their operations in the state. These incentives will be aimed at reducing the financial burden on businesses and enhancing their competitive edge in the market. Specific benefits may include tax exemptions, subsidies on land acquisition, and assistance in obtaining necessary clearances and approvals.



Jaishankar Inaugurates New Indian Consulate in Brisbane to Strengthen Ties

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar inaugurated the new Consulate General of India in Brisbane on Sunday, marking a significant step in enhancing India's diplomatic presence in Australia. This consulate is expected to play a crucial role in strengthening ties between India and the Queensland state, fostering trade relationships, and serving the growing Indian diaspora in the region.

During the inauguration, Jaishankar emphasized the importance of this new diplomatic mission, stating that it will facilitate deeper connections between India and Queensland, particularly in economic and cultural exchanges. "The establishment of this consulate underscores our commitment to engage more actively with Australia, especially with the thriving Indian community here," he noted.

The opening of the consulate is timely, as it comes at a moment when bilateral relations between India and Australia are at an all-time high. Both countries have been working closely on various fronts, including trade, investment, and defense, as part of their broader strategic partnership. The new consulate will serve as a hub for promoting these initiatives and addressing the needs of Indian citizens residing in Australia.



Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah Summoned by Lokayukta in Mysuru Land Scam Case

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is set to face questioning by the Lokayukta on Wednesday regarding the ongoing Mysuru land scam investigation. This development follows a court ruling affirming the Governor's authority to permit the Lokayukta to question the Chief Minister. The Lokayukta Police have already interrogated Siddaramaiah's wife, Parvathi BM, in connection with the case.

The controversy centers around the allocation of 14 high-value plots to Parvathi as compensation for her 3.16 acres of land in Kesare village, located near Mysuru. Activists claim that this arrangement has resulted in a significant financial loss to the state, estimated at ₹45 crore. The issue came to light after an anti-corruption activist lodged a formal complaint, prompting further investigation. In response to the allegations, Parvathi has expressed her willingness to return the disputed land to the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), which has accepted her offer to reclaim the plots. The situation has raised questions about the integrity of the land allotment process and the potential abuse of power by public officials. The Lokayukta's decision to summon the Chief Minister underscores the seriousness of the allegations and the need for accountability in governance. As the investigation unfolds, it will be crucial for the authorities to address any wrongdoing and restore public trust in the political system.



Canadian PM Trudeau condemns violence at Brampton Hindu temple

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has condemned a violent incident involving alleged Khalistani extremists at a Hindu temple in Brampton, Ontario. He emphasized that all Canadians have the right to practice their faith freely and safely. The attack occurred during a protest at the Hindu Sabha Mandir, where videos circulating on social media depicted clashes among demonstrators waving banners in support of Khalistan.

On Sunday, Peel Regional Police confirmed they were aware of the protest and increased their presence at the temple to ensure public safety. Following the violent outbursts, including reports of physical altercations, Trudeau took to X (formerly Twitter) to express his disapproval, thanking local authorities for their prompt response to protect the community and investigate the situation.

"The acts of violence at the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton today are unacceptable," Trudeau stated. "Every Canadian has the right to practice their faith freely and safely." His remarks came as a part of a broader condemnation of the violence, underscoring the importance of respect-



ing religious freedoms in Canada.

Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown also spoke out against the incident, asserting that those responsible should face the fullest extent of the law. He declared, "I am disappointed to hear about acts of violence outside the Hindu Sabha. Religious freedom is a foundational value in Canada, and everyone should feel safe in their

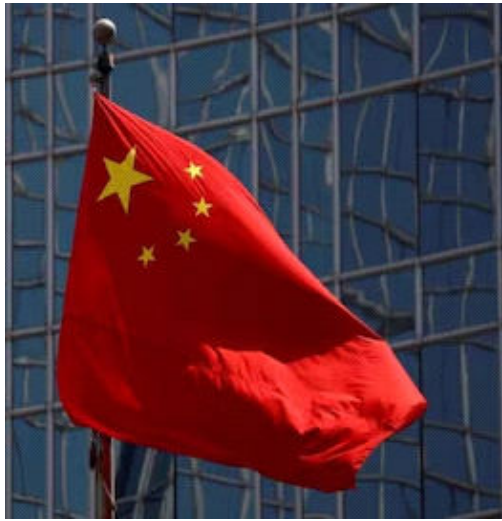
place of worship."

The attack drew widespread condemnation from various political leaders, including Conservative Party leader Pierre Poilievre, who described the violence as "completely unacceptable." Poilievre called for unity among Canadians, reiterating that all individuals should be able to practice their faith without fear.

Chinese Astronauts Return After 6-Month Mission to Space Station

Three Chinese astronauts safely returned to Earth early Monday after completing a six-month mission aboard China's low-orbit space station. The crew, consisting of mission commander Ye Guangfu and astronauts Li Cong and Li Guangsu, landed the Shenzhou-18 capsule at the Dongfeng landing site in Inner Mongolia at 1:24 AM Beijing time.

During their 192 days in orbit, the astronauts conducted numerous scientific experiments, contributing to advancements in fields such as microgravity physics, space material science, space medicine, and technology. The China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) confirmed the mission's success and reported that all three astronauts were in good health upon their return.



Ye Guangfu, who served as the commander of the Shenzhou-18 mission, made history by becoming the first Chinese astronaut to exceed a cumulative spaceflight time of over a year. He previously participated in the Shenzhou-13 mission from October 2021 to April 2022. Reflecting on the experience, Ye expressed confidence that future missions would surpass his record for duration in orbit.

Astronaut Li Guangsu shared a more personal aspect of their time in space, revealing that the crew successfully grew cherry tomatoes and lettuce aboard the station. They even harvested some lettuce leaves for their meals, calling it a "blessing" to enjoy fresh vegetables while in orbit. The greenery not only enhanced their diet but also brought a sense of cheer to their busy work environment.

Netanyahu's office is accused of leaks to thwart Gaza cease-fire

Two months ago, a potential cease-fire between Israel and Hamas appeared imminent, but a new complication has since emerged. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that his military would maintain control over the Gaza-Egypt border to prevent Hamas from rearming and to secure the release of Israeli hostages.

This decision underscores the ongoing tensions in the region and reflects Israel's commitment to ensuring its national security. Netanyahu emphasized the importance of keeping a close watch on the border, which serves as a critical route for Hamas to smuggle in weapons and supplies. The Prime Minister's statement raises significant concerns about the viability of a cease-fire, as it introduces a military component that complicates diplomatic negotiations.



The control of the Gaza-Egypt border has long been a contentious issue. Israel argues that without strict oversight, Hamas could quickly rebuild its military capabilities, posing an increased threat to Israeli citizens. This stance has garnered support among Israeli leaders who prioritize national security but has also drawn criticism from those advocating for peace and humanitarian considerations.

Furthermore, the control of the border impacts the broader geopolitical landscape. The potential for renewed conflict looms large, as any military actions in this area could escalate tensions not only between Israel and Hamas but also involve regional players and international stakeholders who are closely monitoring the situation.



Nikki Haley: Trump is the Clear Choice Over Kamala Harris

Former US ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, has endorsed Donald Trump as the superior candidate over Vice President Kamala Harris in a recent op-ed for the Wall Street Journal. With Election Day approaching, Haley urged undecided voters to examine the policy proposals of both candidates, asserting that Trump emerges as the better option.

In her piece, Haley acknowledged that while she does not agree with Trump on every issue, her alignment with him significantly outweighs her alignment with Harris. "I don't agree with Trump 100 percent of the time. But I do agree with him most of the time, and I disagree with Harris nearly all the time. That makes this an easy call," she wrote.

Haley further emphasized that the critical question for voters is not whether Trump is perfect, but whether his policies are preferable to those of Harris. She argued that on key issues like taxes, spending, inflation, immigration, energy, and national security, the candidates diverge greatly, positioning Trump as the clear choice.

Haley criticized the Biden-Harris administration, claiming that their policies have made the world more dangerous. She pointed to the southern border crisis as a pressing security threat exacerbated by the current administration, and highlighted what she described as a disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan that led to the rise of a new terrorist state. According to Haley, this perceived weakness has emboldened adversaries like Russia and Iran.

She argued that under a Trump administration, the approach would differ significantly. "It wouldn't be perfect. But I agree with Trump that we need to keep taxes low and cut them more. I agree that we need to roll back trillions of dollars in special-interest handouts," she noted. Haley asserted that expanding American energy independence is vital for empowering families and businesses while reducing reliance on foreign sources.



Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez seeks close ties with Indian film industry

This week, the Indian government expressed a strong interest in bolstering its relationship with the film industry, highlighting its potential for cultural diplomacy and economic growth. A delegation from the Producers Guild of India (PGI), led by Shibasish Sarkar, the group's president and CEO of Reliance Entertainment, met with key government officials to discuss collaborative opportunities.

The meeting aimed to address various challenges faced by filmmakers, including regulatory hurdles, funding mechanisms, and the promotion of Indian cinema on international platforms. Sarkar emphasized the importance of creating a conducive environment for filmmakers to thrive, advocating for policies that support film production and distribution.

Additionally, the delegation underscored the need for increased government support in showcasing Indian films abroad, particularly in countries with significant Indian diaspora populations. They argued that enhancing visibility for Indian cinema could foster cultural exchange and attract foreign investments in the industry.

The discussions also touched on the importance of film festivals and award ceremonies as platforms for promoting Indian cinema globally. The guild proposed organizing more international film festivals in India to provide filmmakers with opportunities to showcase their work to a broader audience and facilitate networking among industry professionals.

Moreover, the delegation expressed a desire for collaborative projects that could bridge the gap between Bollywood and regional cinema, fostering a diverse film landscape that reflects India's rich cultural heritage. This approach aims to create a unified front for the Indian film industry, enhancing its global standing.

In response, government officials acknowledged the vital role of the film industry in shaping India's cultural narrative and expressed their commitment to working closely with filmmakers to address their concerns. They emphasized the potential of the film industry to contribute significantly to the nation's economy and soft power.

Top Hezbollah Commander Killed In Lebanon Strike: Israel

The Israeli military announced on Monday that it had killed a prominent Hezbollah commander, accusing him of orchestrating attacks against Israeli forces in southern Lebanon. The commander, identified as Abu Ali Rida, was reportedly eliminated in an airstrike, although the exact timing of the operation was not disclosed.

Rida served as the commander of the Baraachit area and was allegedly responsible for planning and executing rocket and anti-tank missile assaults on Israel Defense Forces (IDF) troops. The Israeli military emphasized that he oversaw the activities of Hezbollah operatives in the region, highlighting the ongoing tensions between the two groups.

Since the outbreak of hostilities in late



the Palestinian militant group currently engaged in a deadly conflict in Gaza.

The ongoing conflict has marked one of the most intense periods of violence between Israel and Hezbollah, reminiscent of previous confrontations. In recent weeks, Israel's military campaign has resulted in the deaths of several key figures within Hezbollah, including high-ranking leaders, as the Israeli government aims to curb the group's military capabilities.

The backdrop of this conflict is rooted in a broader regional struggle, with Hezbollah aligning itself with Hamas in response to the ongoing hostilities in Gaza. Following a significant attack by Hamas on southern Israel on October 7, the situation has escalated further, prompting both sides to prepare for a protracted conflict.

September, Israel has intensified its strikes against Hezbollah targets, which have included several militant leaders and commanders. The escalation followed nearly a year of intermittent cross-border skirmishes, with Hezbollah launching regular rocket attacks into northern Israel. This surge in aggression has been framed as support for Hamas,

"Markets Tumble as Caution Rises:

Sensex Drops 941 Points Amid Global Uncertainty, US Election Concerns, and Rate Cut Impact"



Domestic stock markets rallied on Monday. After almost a month and a half, they suffered the worst fall. Mixed signals from global markets,

the US presidential election on Tuesday and the US Fed's cut in interest rates hurt investor sentiment. As a precautionary measure the stocks were sold to the recipient. Heavyweights like Reliance and HDFC added to the heavy losses. The situation may remain like this for another week. At one stage, Sensex lost 1200 points and Nifty 400 points, but recovered some by buying some shares at lower prices.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 79,729 in the previous session, opened at 79,713 today. It touched an intraday low of 78,232, reached a peak of 78,713. It eventually fell 941 points to close at 78,782. The NSE Nifty opened at 24,315, touched a low of 23,816 and a high of 24,4316. The total fell by 309 points to settle at 23,995. Nifty Bank lost 458

points to close at 51,215. In Nifty50, 8 companies gained while 42 lost. M&M, Tech Mahindra, Cipla, SBI, Dr. Reddy's are the top gainers. Heromoto, Grasim, Bajaj Auto, Adani Ports and BPL were the biggest losers. Today, Finance, FMCG, Media, Metal, Realty, Oil and Gas and Consumer Durables indices were higher.

Nifty support is at 24300 and resistance is at 24150.

The rupee settled at a record low of 84.12 against the dollar. It is reported that Reliance Jio will come for IPO in 2025. It is known that Reliance Retail will take some time. IRFC's net profit



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rose 4.4% to Rs 1612 crore. Kothari Petrochem will purchase land worth Rs.74 crore. Even as FPIs continue to sell, new foreign funds are applying for licences. 10.2 lakh shares changed hands in Trent. Shares of Afcons Infra rose 13% on the lowest bid for the project worth Rs 1007 crore despite losses. Shares of oil marketing companies fell by 5%. Tube Investment's net profit fell 22% to Rs 207 crore. Gensol Engineering stock rose 5% after bagging solar power project worth Rs 780 crore. 10.32 lakh shares changed hands in Union Bank of India. M&M has been given a Buy rating by Goldman Sachs.

India's Economic Outlook: Steady Growth Forecast Amid Robust Fundamentals



The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has maintained India's GDP growth forecast at 7 percent for the fiscal year 2024-25, positioning the country as the fastest-growing major economy. Similarly, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has upheld its initial projection of 7.2 percent growth. This optimistic outlook is echoed by Deloitte and the finance ministry, which anticipates a growth range of 6.5 to 7 percent.

Despite these forecasts, some economic analysts, including those from Nomura and NIPFP, have revised their predictions downwards, citing weaker-than-expected GDP growth in Q1

FY25. However, many experts argue that claims of economic weakness are at odds with the underlying strengths of the Indian economy.

Key factors underpinning this growth include price stability, a robust banking system, and a stable external sector, bolstered by softening crude oil prices and a healthy forex reserve of nearly \$700 billion. These elements are expected to help reduce inflation to around 4.5 percent in FY25, promoting a favorable environment for economic activity.

The banking sector has shown resilience, with a gross non-performing asset (GNPA) ratio of 2.7 percent as of June 2024. While overall credit growth has dipped slightly to 14.4 percent year-on-year, credit to the industrial sector has risen significantly. Indicators of income-earning opportunities are also positive, with formal job creation increasing by 6 percent in July and August 2024 compared to the previous year.

Moreover, real wage growth in rural areas has turned positive, indicating an improvement in living standards. With inflation easing, real wages are projected to grow by about 6.5 percent this financial year, nearly doubling last year's figures.

According to RBI, investments are on the rise, driven by corporate sector confidence and increasing capacity utilization. Corporate investments are expected to surge significantly, from ₹1.59 lakh crores in 2023-24 to ₹2.45 lakh crores in 2024-25.



SEBI Warns Investors Against Unauthorised Virtual Trading and Gaming Platforms

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued a strong warning to investors regarding unauthorised virtual trading and gaming platforms that offer trading advice based on stock prices. In a circular released on Monday, SEBI highlighted the risks associated with these apps and platforms, which have been increasingly targeting the public with their services.

SEBI's notice comes in response to reports that certain web applications and platforms are promoting virtual trading services, often referred to as paper trading or fantasy games, which are based on the stock price data of listed companies. The regulator made it clear that these practices violate established norms under the Securities Contract (Regulation) Act, 1956, and the SEBI Act, 1992, which are designed to safeguard investors from fraudulent activities.

Legal experts have pointed out that SEBI's advisory is aimed at curbing the exploitation of investors by these unauthorised platforms, rather than penal-

ising the investors themselves. Sumit Agrawal, founder of Regstreet Law and a former SEBI officer, explained that many of these platforms mimic genuine securities market activities, often promising financial returns that can mislead unsuspecting investors. "Such schemes can create an unauthorised trading experience that often leads to significant financial losses for individuals," Agrawal noted.

A recent incident illustrates the potential dangers: a sophisticated fraud operation used the name of a former SEBI chairperson to deceive investors via WhatsApp. The scheme was designed to appear legitimate, luring victims into a trap that ultimately resulted in financial exploitation. SEBI's warning serves as a crucial reminder for investors to exercise caution and conduct thorough due diligence before engaging with any trading platforms. It underscores the need for individuals to verify the legitimacy of services they consider using, especially in the rapidly evolving digital landscape where scams are increasingly common.

India's manufacturing sector regains growth momentum in October: PMI

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) has shown encouraging signs of growth, climbing from September's eight-month low of 56.5 to 57.5 in October. This rise indicates a significant improvement in operating conditions within the manufacturing sector, reflecting heightened business activity and optimism among manufacturers.



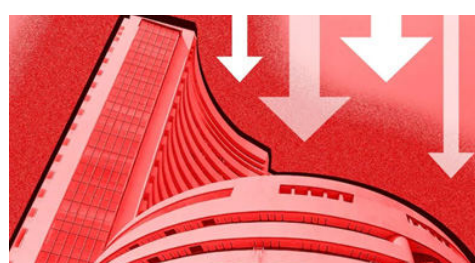
Manufacturers' confidence.

A PMI reading above 50 denotes expansion in the manufacturing sector, while a figure below 50 signals contraction. The increase to 57.5 suggests not only growth but an acceleration in the pace of expansion, marking a return to more robust levels of activity. The rise in the index can be attributed to several factors, including increased demand and production levels, which have positively influenced manu-

facturers' confidence. One of the notable contributors to this growth is the uptick in new orders, which rose significantly in October. This surge indicates that consumer demand is strengthening, leading manufacturers to ramp up production to meet the rising orders. Additionally, export orders also showed a marked increase, suggesting that Indian goods are gaining traction in international markets.

The survey results indicate that manufacturers are optimistic about future output, with many anticipating a continuation of favorable demand conditions. This optimism is reflected in hiring practices, with several firms reporting an increase in employment to support production needs. The need to bolster workforce levels demonstrates manufacturers' confidence in sustained growth in the coming months.

Input costs for manufacturers have also been closely monitored. While there was some pressure on prices, the increase was manageable, allowing companies to maintain profit margins. Many manufacturers reported passing on a portion of these costs to consumers, which could affect pricing strategies moving forward.



Bajaj Auto, Adani Ports, Grasim, BPL, and Reliance Industries were among the major decliners in the Nifty 50. Bajaj Auto and Hero MotoCorp recorded losses of 3.6% and 4.3%, respectively, following disappointing domestic

sales figures and a noted decline in market share, as reported by CLSA.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, highlighted that the Indian market is struggling to maintain pace with global counterparts, primarily due to high valuations. He pointed out that the ongoing sell-off has been intensified by weak Q2 earnings, dampening investor sentiment. "We anticipate continued volatility in the short term as focus shifts

to the US presidential election and key central bank policy decisions," Nair remarked. Compounding these challenges, persistent foreign fund outflows have fueled investor caution. In October alone, foreign investors withdrew a staggering ₹1.14 lakh crore from Indian markets. This wave of outflows has raised concerns about stretched valuations, prompting many investors to lock in profits amidst ongoing uncertainty.

Indian Stock Market Faces Significant Drop Amid Global Uncertainties

Benchmark stock market indices in India experienced their steepest decline in over a month on Monday, driven by investor caution ahead of the US presidential election and anticipation of forthcoming economic decisions from central banks worldwide. This heightened apprehension led to a surge in market volatility, reaching its highest levels in three months.

The NSE Nifty 50 fell by 321.20 points, closing at 23,983.15, while the BSE

Sensex plummeted by 941.88 points to settle at 78,782.24. This decline was echoed across the broader market, with all major sectoral indices finishing in the red. Small-cap and mid-cap indices, which typically reflect domestic sentiment more closely, also suffered significant losses, dropping 2% and 1.3%, respectively. Notably, the Nifty volatility index spiked to 16.69, indicating growing market unease.

Key stocks such as Hero MotoCorp,



The Ingenious Design of Soda Cans



Soda cans are more than just simple containers for your favorite fizzy drinks; their design incorporates two essential features that enhance their functionality. According to Reader's Digest, one of the most critical elements is the concave base. Unlike flat-bottomed containers, most soda cans feature a slightly indented bottom, which plays a crucial role in maintaining structural integrity under pressure. The carbonation in soda generates significant internal pressure, and the concave design allows the can to withstand up to 90 pounds of pressure per square inch without bursting. Given that soda cans are made from thin aluminum, this design is vital for preventing collapse or rupture.

The second important feature of soda cans is the raised edge at the base. This design element serves multiple purposes. Firstly, it provides stability, allowing cans to sit securely on surfaces like tables and in refrigerators. This

stability is particularly valuable when stacking cans, making it easier to store them in compact spaces without the risk of toppling over. The raised edge also facilitates a unique and practical function: it can be used to open another can. Many social media videos have showcased this clever trick, where the pull tab of one can is pulled against the raised edge of another, making it an easy alternative for opening a beverage.

Together, these design features enhance both the usability and safety of soda cans. The combination of a concave base and a raised edge ensures that the cans can endure the pressures of carbonation while remaining stable and easy to handle. As you enjoy your next soda, take a moment to appreciate the thoughtful engineering that goes into the can's design, ensuring that your favorite beverages are both convenient and safe to consume.

The Impact of Sugar Rationing on Long-Term Health Outcomes



A recent study has revealed intriguing findings about the health of individuals conceived and born during sugar rationing in the UK, particularly during World War II. The research, published in the journal *Science*, indicates that those limited to low sugar intake in early life were less likely to develop diabetes and high blood pressure decades later.

The unique circumstances of post-war Britain provided an opportunity for this natural experiment. Sugar rationing was enforced until September 1953, after which average sugar consumption in the UK doubled, allowing researchers to compare the health outcomes of two distinct groups: those conceived and born during the rationing period versus those born just after it ended.

The study, led by economist Tadeja Gracner from the University of Southern California, utilized data from the UK Biobank, which houses genetic and health information on half a million individuals. Researchers focused on 60,183 participants born between October 1951 and March 1956, all aged 51 to 60 at the time of the survey.

Findings revealed that individuals who experienced sugar rationing early

in life had a 35% lower risk of developing diabetes and a 20% lower risk of high blood pressure in middle age. Additionally, the onset of these chronic diseases was delayed by an average of four years for diabetes and two years for hypertension. Notably, the strongest protective effects were observed in those who were conceived during the rationing and remained infants while the restrictions were in place.

These results contribute to a growing body of evidence highlighting the significance of early nutrition on long-term health. Previous studies, such as those examining the effects of the Dutch famine during World War II, have indicated similar patterns. However, unlike famine studies, which cannot pinpoint specific nutrient impacts, this research offers clear insights related to sugar consumption.

While the absolute increase in sugar intake post-rationing was modest—rising from 41 to 80 grams per day, or an additional 155 calories—the implications of these findings are profound. They suggest that dietary conditions during critical periods of development can significantly shape health trajectories, underscoring the importance of nutrition in early life.

Hilarity Ensues Over Swedish “Fart Kontrol” Sign

A signboard in Sweden has taken the internet by storm, leaving many in fits of laughter. The sign reads “fart kontrol,” which might raise eyebrows in English-speaking countries, but in Swedish, “fart” actually means speed. This linguistic twist has ignited a flurry of jokes and sparked curiosity about the nuances of the Swedish language, drawing attention from users on X (formerly Twitter).

Originally, the sign was intended to communicate speed limits and remind drivers to reduce their speed. However, the unintended humor of “fart kontrol” has turned it into a viral sensation. Users on X have been sharing images of the signboard, contributing to a wave of comedic commentary surrounding the amusing mix-up. Many have taken to the platform to express their delight, crafting jokes and puns that play off the word “fart” in its English context, further amplifying the laughter.

The viral post highlights not just the humor found in language differences but also how easily such misunderstandings can lead to moments of joy. While many English speakers may initially find the sign's wording ridiculous, it has opened the door for a delightful ex-



ploration of Swedish vocabulary. Users have expressed their surprise upon learning the actual meaning of the word “fart” in Swedish, which has only added to the fun.

As the sign continues to circulate online, it serves as a reminder of the quirks and unexpected joys that come from language barriers. The intersection of humor and cultural differences showcases the playful side of communication, where something as simple as a sign can bring people together in laughter. The “fart kontrol” signboard stands as a testament to how language can connect us in unexpected and entertaining ways.

China And France Collaboration Amid EV Trade

China has called on France to take a proactive stance in facilitating a resolution between the European Commission and the Chinese electric vehicle (EV) industry. This appeal was made by Wang Wentao, China's commerce minister, during a meeting with French junior trade minister Sophie Primas in Shanghai. Wang expressed concern that the European Union's ongoing investigation into Chinese EVs is significantly impeding cooperation between the China and EU auto sectors.

The EU launched an anti-subsidy investigation into imports of Chinese-made battery electric vehicles (BEVs) last year and voted in October to implement tariffs on these vehicles. In response, China has initiated its own trade investigations, focusing on European pork and dairy products, and has recently imposed temporary anti-dumping measures on imports of brandy from the EU.

Primas is currently on a three-day visit to address China's import duties on brandy, which France argues are politically motivated and unjustified. This backdrop of rising tensions underscores the complexities in trade relations between the two



regions.

During the meeting, Wang emphasized that China's investigations into EU imports are in line with domestic industry applications and comply with World Trade Organization (WTO) rules. He criticized the EU for being “rash” in its decision to investigate Chinese EVs, suggesting that such actions disrupt established trade practices.

Despite these tensions, Wang signaled China's willingness to collaborate with the European Commission to find a “proper solution,” although

specific details were not provided. The ongoing trade frictions reflect broader concerns about market access and competitiveness in the EV sector, which is becoming increasingly central to international trade discussions.

As China pursues anti-subsidy probes into EU dairy products and pork, the relationship between China and Europe remains fraught with challenges. Both sides are grappling with the implications of their trade policies, making dialogue and cooperation more essential than ever.

Google Unveils New AI Features Across Its Platforms

Google has recently introduced seven significant artificial intelligence (AI) updates designed to enhance user interaction across its various products, including Maps, Search, and Shopping. These advancements aim to provide users with more efficient ways to ask questions, search for information, and receive AI-generated insights.

One of the standout features in Google Maps allows users to pose more complex queries, such as “things to do with friends.” This update leverages the capabilities of Gemini, Google's AI model, to curate tailored responses, along with quick answers about locations and helpful summaries of reviews for those short on time. Google emphasizes that these updates ensure users receive the most current information, whether they're exploring locally or traveling internationally. Additional improvements are also coming to Waze, Google Earth, and developer tools.

In another development, users can now upload various formats—including PDFs, Google Docs, websites, and YouTube videos—to NotebookLM. This feature enables them to extract new insights and dive deeper into topics of interest, enhancing research capabilities.

Google Shopping has also undergone a transformation with the introduction of AI-driven assistance. Currently available in the U.S., this new Shopping experience helps streamline the product selection process. AI-generated briefs provide essential information on products, allowing users to make informed decisions before purchasing. As users browse, they receive tailored insights about product suitability based on their specific needs.



The Google Search platform has received a comprehensive AI update, broadening the scope of inquiries users can make. Recent enhancements include features that help identify songs, enable shopping based on images, and facilitate video searches.

Finally, all Chromebooks will now come equipped with the Gemini app, while Chromebook Plus models will include new AI productivity tools such as Live Translate, Help Me Write, and the Recorder app. A feature called Welcome Recap ensures users can easily resume their tasks after logging back into their devices.

These updates signify Google's commitment to integrating AI technology across its platforms, ultimately enhancing user experience and accessibility.



India to Host Major Women's Cricket Teams in 2025-29 FTP Announcement

India will host England, Australia, Bangladesh, and Zimbabwe in the newly announced women's Future Tours Programme (FTP) for 2025-2029. This comprehensive schedule was released by the International Cricket Council (ICC) and marks an important phase for women's cricket, coinciding with the fourth edition of the ICC Women's Championship.

The upcoming FTP outlines a robust framework for international women's cricket, with matches planned against New Zealand, South Africa, West Indies, and Ireland in addition to the home series. Spanning from May 2025 to April 2029, this FTP ensures that there will be an ICC women's event held annually, starting with the Women's ODI World Cup in India in 2025, followed by the Women's T20 World Cup in the UK in 2026 and another T20

World Cup in 2028.

For the first time, the ICC Women's Championship will feature 11 teams, with Zimbabwe joining the competition. The championship will include a total of 132 ODIs played across 44 series, setting a qualification pathway for the ICC Women's ODI World Cup in 2029.

Tri-series are also planned leading up to the 2026 Women's T20 World Cup, with England hosting India and New Zealand, while Ireland will welcome Pakistan and the West Indies. Sri Lanka and the West Indies are set to host T20I tri-series in 2027 and 2028, respectively.

Wasim Khan, ICC General Manager of Cricket, expressed satisfaction with the expansion of the Women's Championship and noted the collective ef-

fort of Member Boards to promote the women's game through a balanced and contextual calendar.

The new FTP provides a promising opportunity for Test matches, with multi-format series planned between Australia, England, India, South Africa, and the West Indies. Australia will lead the way with multiple series scheduled against England, India, and South Africa.

Significantly, the schedule accommodates the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics and features dedicated windows for various domestic leagues, including the Women's Premier League (WPL), which will be held in January-February starting in 2026. This strategic planning aims to elevate the profile of women's cricket, ensuring a consistent presence in the international calendar.

BCCI may remove Gambhir's 'privileged' access after Lanka, NZ debacle



Gautam Gambhir is under intense scrutiny just three months into his tenure as head coach of the Indian cricket team, following a disappointing series of defeats against Sri Lanka and New Zealand. His appointment was met with enthusiasm, particularly as he was granted a rare seat at the selection committee meeting for the upcoming tour of Australia. However, the early results on his report card suggest a concerning trend for the former opener.

India recently experienced its first ODI series loss to Sri Lanka in 27 years, followed by a humiliating 0-3 white-wash in Tests at home against New Zealand—an unprecedented outcome in the team's storied cricket history. Unless there is a dramatic turnaround

in the Australia series, Gambhir's influence on selection and team strategy may be curtailed.

Critics are questioning Gambhir's strategic choices, especially his decision to play on a turning pitch in Mumbai despite the top order's long-standing struggles against quality spin. His commitment to a consistent playing philosophy has raised eyebrows among cricket insiders, particularly regarding tactical decisions like sending pacer Mohammed Siraj as a night-watchman during the third Test and batting Sarfaraz Khan at No. 8 in the first innings.

Gambhir was given privileges not extended to his predecessors, Ravi Shastri and Rahul Dravid, including participation in selection meetings, a decision made in light of the significance of the Australia tour. His insistence on including players like Delhi speedster Harshit Rana and Andhra all-rounder Nitish Reddy has also come under fire, especially as Rana spent the recent series as a net bowler rather than gaining experience in Australia.

With the Australia series looming, Gambhir faces an acid test that may require him to reassess senior players' roles while navigating the expectations of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). The recent string of defeats has put the former Delhi star in the spotlight, and the upcoming tour will be crucial for his coaching future.



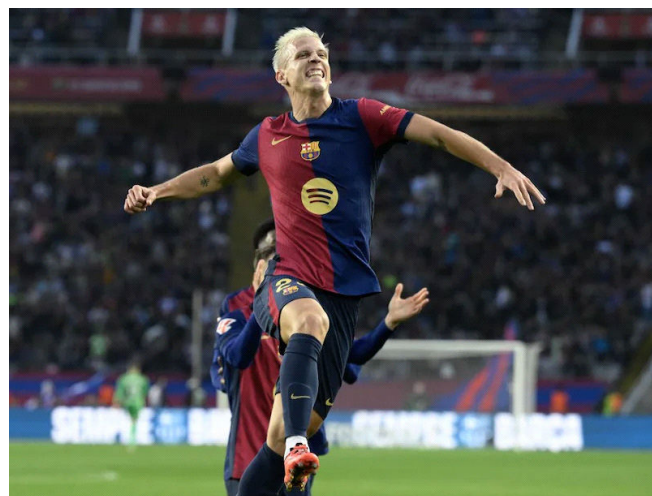
Mohamed Salah Hints at Liverpool Future Amid Contract Uncertainty

Mohamed Salah recently dropped a cryptic hint regarding his future with Liverpool, reflecting on the profound experience of scoring at Anfield. After netting a stunning winner in Saturday's 2-1 victory over Brighton, Salah emphasized that he would "never forget" that feeling, no matter what the future holds. His ninth goal of the season solidified his vital role in the team as Liverpool aims for its first Premier League title since 2020.

Salah's current contract is set to expire at the end of the season, raising questions about his long-term commitment to the club. As the 32-year-old prepares to enter the final months of his deal, he will be eligible to negotiate with clubs outside of England starting in January. His recent social media post fueled speculation about a potential departure, as he expressed pride in Liverpool's position at the top of the table. "Top of the table is where this club belongs. Nothing less," he wrote on X, thanking fans for their support and alluding to the significance of scoring at Anfield.

Currently earning around £350,000 per week, Salah previously mentioned that he had not yet been approached by the club regarding a new contract. Back in September, after Liverpool's 3-0 victory over Manchester United, he remarked, "It could be the last time" he played at Old Trafford, hinting at his uncertain future.

Liverpool manager Arne Slot has downplayed concerns about Salah's contract situation, as well as those of defenders Virgil van Dijk and Trent Alexander-Arnold, who are also in the final year of their deals. Slot stated, "The contract situation becomes a problem if players don't perform as well as they are now," indicating confidence in the trio's current form. He noted that discussions regarding contract extensions are ongoing, though he is not directly involved in those negotiations.



Olmo Stars as Barcelona Defeats Espanyol Amid Flood Tragedy

Dani Olmo made a triumphant return from injury, scoring twice in his first start of the season as Barcelona defeated local rivals Espanyol 3-1 on Sunday. This victory propelled Barcelona nine points clear at the top of La Liga. Meanwhile, Atletico Madrid secured a comfortable 2-0 win over Las Palmas, with coach Diego Simeone's son, Giuliano, netting his first goal for the club. Real Madrid, sitting in second, did not play as their match against Valencia was postponed due to severe flooding in the region.

Barcelona showcased their dominance early in the match at the Olympic Stadium, with Raphinha adding a goal between Olmo's strikes, giving the team a commanding 3-0 lead by the 31st minute. Javi Puado pulled one back for Espanyol, who fought valiantly in the second half despite having three goals disallowed.

Head coach Hansi Flick expressed his dissatisfaction with the team's second-half performance, acknowledging a drop in concentration. "In tennis, you say unforced errors... it happens sometimes," he noted, emphasizing the need for improvement ahead of their upcoming European match.

Olmo, who was sidelined since mid-September, was ecstatic about his return, stating, "I'm back, enjoying it, playing, winning, and I want more." His first goal came from a stunning pass by teenage star Lamine Yamal, which Olmo finished emphatically. Raphinha's goal showcased his skill, lofting the ball over Espanyol's goalkeeper after a well-timed assist.



Malvika Bansod Secures Runner-Up Spot at Hylo Open

Rising Indian badminton star Malvika Bansod's remarkable journey at the Hylo Open Super 300 came to a close on Sunday as she finished as the runner-up, falling to Denmark's Mia Blichfeldt with scores of 10-21, 15-21 in the final match. The 23-year-old southpaw displayed impressive skill throughout the tournament, but struggled to keep pace with Blichfeldt in the championship clash.

Bansod's path to the final included notable victories, including a triumph over fourth seed Nguyen Thuy Linh from Vietnam. However, in the final, Blichfeldt quickly established control. The Danish player capitalized on Bansod's early errors, racing to an 8-0 lead before extending it to 17-10. Blichfeldt closed out the first game with relative ease, leaving Bansod to regroup for the second.

In the second game, Bansod showed resilience, initially taking a lead of 11-8. Yet, Blichfeldt's aggressive play and powerful cross-court smashes allowed her to recover and equalize at 12-all. From there, the Danish shuttler seized the momentum, winning five consecutive points to secure the title after just 43 minutes of play.

This marks Bansod's second appearance in a major final, with her previous experience being at the Syed Modi India International in 2022, where she faced two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu. In recent weeks, Bansod has gained attention for her impressive performances, including a significant upset against Paris Olympics bronze medallist Gregoria Mariska Tunjung during the opening round of the China Open Super 100.

Despite the setback in the final, Bansod's performance at the Hylo Open reflects her growing prowess on the international badminton stage. Her ability to reach the finals of two major tournaments highlights her potential as a prominent player in the sport, and fans are eager to see how she will build on this experience in future competitions.



Nikhil Siddharth's "Appudo Ippudo Eppudo" Trailer Unveiled



Tollywood's rising star Nikhil Siddharth is gearing up for the release of his latest film, "Appudo Ippudo Eppudo," directed by Sudhir Varma, known for his work on "Swamirara." The film features Rukmini Vasant, who gained prominence from the hit movie "Sapta Sagara Dati," as the female lead. Produced by BVSN Prasad under the renowned Sri Venkateswara Cine Chitra Productions banner, celebrated for blockbusters like "Chhatrapati" and "Darling," the film is set to hit theaters on November 8.

In anticipation of the release, the film crew has unveiled an exciting trailer that showcases Nikhil in an electrify-

ing role as a Formula One racer. The story unfolds in Hyderabad, where Nikhil's character aspires to escape his humble beginnings and pursue a dream life in London, complete with love and adventure. The trailer hints at a blend of romance and thrilling elements, promising an engaging narrative that combines personal ambition with emotional depth.

As Nikhil embarks on this journey, the film explores his aspirations, highlighting the struggles and challenges he faces along the way. The storyline, which revolves around his quest for love and success, is expected to resonate with audiences, particularly

those who appreciate a good blend of romance and high-octane racing.

The trailer captures the essence of the film, showcasing Nikhil's character's determination and charm, as well as glimpses of adrenaline-fueled racing sequences. With the film's unique premise and the promising performances from the cast, "Appudo Ippudo Eppudo" is shaping up to be an intriguing addition to Nikhil's filmography.

Fans eagerly await the film's release, and with the impressive production team behind it, expectations are high for this exciting new adventure in the world of Tollywood cinema.



Bellamonda Sai Sreenivas Unveils Intense Look in "Bhairavam"

Promising director Vijay Kanakamedala is set to captivate audiences once again with his latest project, "Bhairavam." This neo-noir action drama features a compelling cast led by Bellamkonda Sai Sreenivas, alongside Manoj Manchu and Nara Rohith. The film is produced by KK Radhamohan under the banner of Sri Sathya Sai Arts and presented by Dr. Jayantilal Gada of Pen Studios.

Recently, the filmmakers released the title and a striking first-look poster of Bellamkonda in his role, generating significant buzz. In the poster, Bellamkonda exudes intensity, brandishing a sickle in one hand and a trident in the other. His rugged appearance is further accentuated by a thick beard and a blood-smeared face, establishing him as a formidable mass character. The imposing stance he strikes suggests a character filled with power and raw energy, promising a performance that will resonate with audiences.

The background of the poster features a temple and villagers, hinting at a narrative steeped in intrigue and depth. The combination of Bellamkonda, Manoj Manchu, and Nara Rohith brings together an exciting ensemble, which heightens anticipation for the film. The synergy between these actors, along with Kanakamedala's established prowess in storytelling, indicates that "Bhairavam" will be an exhilarating cinematic experience. The film's technical crew also promises to deliver high-quality production values. Music will be composed by Sricharan Pakala, known for his ability to enhance narratives through sound, while cinematography by Hari K Vedantam aims to create a visually immersive world that complements the film's gripping storyline.

Naga Chaitanya's "Thandel" Release Update: February 2025



Tollywood actor Akkineni Naga Chaitanya's upcoming film, "Thandel," has generated significant anticipation among fans. Directed by Chandu Mondeti, this romantic drama stars Sai Pallavi in the lead female role. Initially slated for a global release on December 20, the film's release has faced delays, leading to much speculation.

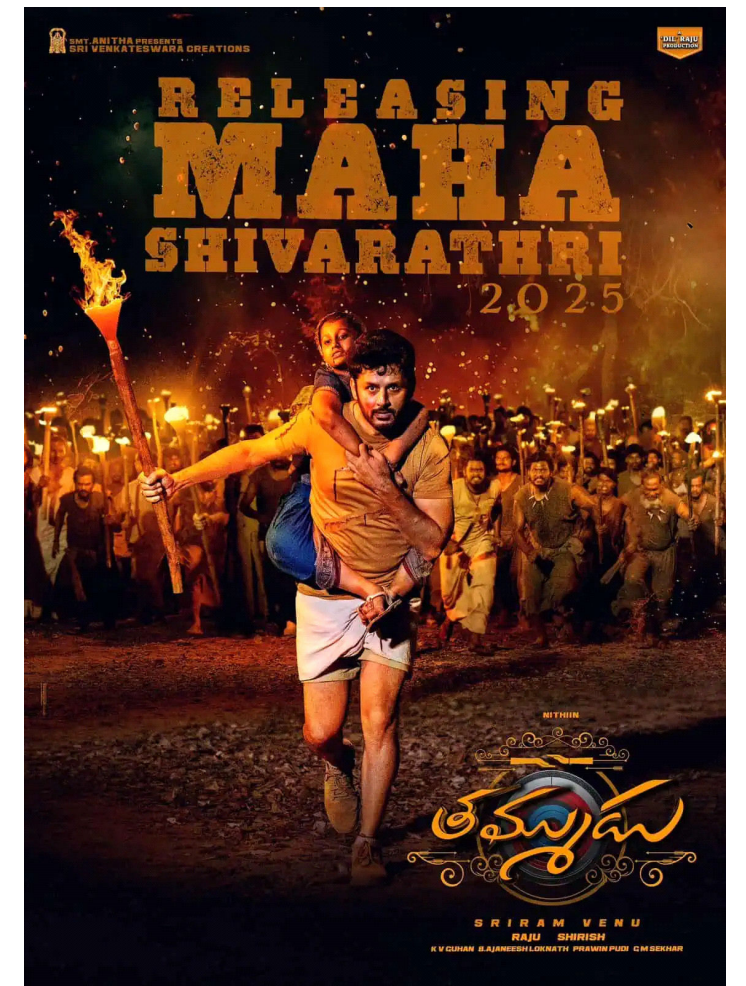
Recent reports have clarified that the film's release, previously rumored for Sankranti, will not happen as initially expected. According to sources within the Filmnagar circle, the makers have now set a new release date for "Thandel" before the second week of February 2025. While the final date remains to be officially confirmed, there's buzz that an announcement will be made soon regarding the film's premiere.

Fans are particularly eager to know if "Thandel" will grace theaters around Valentine's Day, which could align perfectly with the film's romantic themes. As the release date approaches, excitement continues to build around this project.

"Thandel" is inspired by true events that unfolded in Gujarat in 2018. It is produced by Bunnyvasu under the esteemed banner of Allu Arvind's Gita Arts. The film also features music and a background score composed by the talented Anirudh Ravichander, adding to the film's allure.

This film marks the third collaboration between Naga Chaitanya and director Chandu Mondeti, which raises expectations even higher, as their previous projects have garnered positive responses. With its compelling storyline, a strong cast, and notable crew, "Thandel" is poised to be a significant release in early 2025.

As fans await further updates, the anticipation surrounding "Thandel" is palpable, making it one of the most talked-about films in Tollywood this coming year.



Nithiin's Upcoming Film "Thammudu" Set for Maha Shivaratri 2025 Release

Talented actor Nithiin is currently immersed in his latest project, "Thammudu," directed by Sriram Venu, known for his work on hits like MCA and Vakeel Saab. This film pays homage to Nithiin's favorite actor, Pawan Kalyan, as it shares the title of Kalyan's super hit film. Fans are eagerly awaiting the release date, and today, the makers announced that "Thammudu" will hit theaters on Maha Shivaratri 2025—a perfect occasion for an impactful story to debut. The release date poster for "Thammudu" is both stunning and powerful. It features Nithiin in a dynamic running pose, gripping a Kagada in one hand while carrying a child on his shoulders, dressed impressively in a lungi. The visual also includes villagers running alongside him, their serious expressions hinting at the film's intensity and emotional depth.

This creatively designed poster has captured the attention of audiences, suggesting a unique and engaging narrative. With its striking visuals, the film promises to deliver an intense and powerful tale that will resonate with viewers. Sriram Venu's directorial vision appears to be on track to present something truly exceptional.

Reports indicate that Nithiin will portray a distinctive and unique character in this film. Joining him in a key role is actress Laya, while the production is backed by renowned producers Dilraju and Shirish under the prestigious Sri Venkateswara Creations banner.

Baby John Taster Cut: Stylish Rehash of Their

"Baby John," featuring Varun Dhawan in the lead role, is generating significant buzz ahead of its December 25 release, which the makers are promoting as a Christmas gift to audiences. This film marks the Bollywood debut of National Award-winning actress Keerthy Suresh, adding to the anticipation. Fans are especially excited to see Salman Khan's special cameo.

In a recent teaser shared by Keerthy Suresh, viewers get a glimpse of the film's thrilling premise. The trailer opens with a voice-over from a baby, setting a captivating tone. Varun Dhawan showcases his action chops as a stylish and formidable cop, promising an engaging performance. Keerthy is also expected to dazzle in her role, adding to the film's allure.

Directed by Kalees, "Baby John" hints at a suspenseful plot centered around the baby, further piquing audience curiosity. Alongside Dhawan and Suresh, Vamika Gabbi joins the cast, enriching the film's appeal with her presence. The first look released has already stirred excitement among fans, who are eager for more details.

The film's music is being composed by Thaman, ensuring a vibrant soundtrack that complements the storyline. Produced in collaboration with Cine 1 Studios and Jio Studios, the project is set to captivate viewers with its blend of action, drama, and intrigue.

As the release date approaches, fans can expect more teasers and promotional content to fuel their anticipation. With a strong cast, an intriguing storyline, and a promising director, "Baby John" is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated films of the holiday season.

